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FOR AMB FROM MARSHALL

While we attach considerable importance to retention of present Brit troop strength in Greece (REURTEL 4952 Sep 12) we are reluctantly prepared to agree to Bevin's suggestion of withdrawal of not more than 800 men provided we can be given definite assurances that there will be no further reduction in troop strength at least until Dec 15 and provided withdrawal is accomplished quietly without publicity in Greece and in a manner which will not create impression that this is start of major withdrawal movement. In passing on this message please stress again to Bevin importance that US-UK continue to present a solid front in Greece and our reliance on his personal suggestion to you regarding possibility of retention troops after Dec 15.

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